

26 MAR 07

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Time & Date of incident - 1400 on 25 MAR 07

Puget Sound between Fonthroy & Vashon Island

1 ft chop

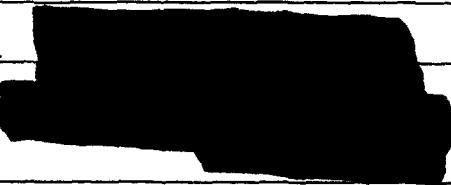
approx 30 Knot per hour (speed)

approximately 1400 on the 25th March 2007 I had my boat trained on a sail boat that was approximately 200 yards off the stern of my escort. Once another coast guard RBS made contact with the sailing vessel I came up and headed in the bow of the escort vessel. Once I determined the bow was clear I made a tactical turn to port, came about and headed back towards the stern. I was at roughly 25 to 30 knot when I reached the stern. I then started into a stbd tactic turn as I was looking into my turn I caught a glimpse of P.O. Gill's feet going over the port side. I immediately came down and instructed my other crewmen to maintain visual on the person in the water. I ~~then~~ call sector Seattle on 21 and noticed item of the man overboard and our Lat & long. I came about and began my approach ~~to~~ to the person in the water. As I got closer one of my crew stated he was face down and in trouble I instructed that crewman to enter the water and roll him over. I maneuvered ~~the~~ my boat for recovery and went back aft to assist my remaining crewman with recovery. Once we had him on board I asked EMS/Evac whether it be helo or shore side pick up. MSST Seattle RBS arrived approximately 2 to 3 min and requested there EMT come aboard. At which time we started treating the injuries to P.O. Gill. I then was instructed to head in

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Gantley Fairy dock to meet up with local EMS. ~~so~~ which I then did.

This statement and the facts are correct to the best of my knowledge

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On 25 March 2007 we (PO [REDACTED] Gill, [REDACTED] and myself) along with [REDACTED] crew on the other boat were underway for approx. 1.5 hours conducting our second escort from Fluorocrop to Kashan. PO Gill asked [REDACTED] (coxswain) to come to a stop so that he could switch out from the radio to go onto the bow to be the gunner. Gill [REDACTED] switched posts and we resumed our escort. We started doing what we normally do, doing a few power turns, look aggressive, give a little show, showing the public that hey we are here. In the middle of our second or third powerturn the performance fin bit in especially hard (chine locked). It appeared to me that Gill was halfway or more turned around with only his left hand holding the butt of the M240. I saw Gill's startled expression as he started to fall backwards then he was whipped backwards really fast. In the middle of our turn [REDACTED] hat said there is no time that anyone could react to stop the boat. It appeared to me that we may have run him over. [REDACTED] (on the radio) and I (starboard seat on stern lookout) yelled manouvered approx the same time followed by Fin?!. I jumped on the reardeck threw the littering and strobe light. [REDACTED] (coxswain) brought the boat around. [REDACTED] I saw what appeared to be Gill trying to flip himself over on his back. [REDACTED] and I saw blood. I told [REDACTED] (coxswain) that he is not flipping over, there is blood and that I am going in after Gill. [REDACTED] told me to go for it. As I was jumping in I noticed the Gill had stopped struggling to get onto his back. I had to struggle a little to flip him over. I didn't inflate and any odds we float time without them. I swam Gill and Myself to the boat against the current [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on the boat 25501 and I in the water pulled and pushed Gill into the boat. I hung onto the side of the boat till all three other boats showed up and someone was able help me aboard. One of Seattle's boat [REDACTED] an EMT aboard. He came over to help. In the water I had noticed a severe cut along his (Gill's) eye and cheek. It appeared that his eye was nearly there. We stripped and cut Gill's drysuit to his waist.

[REDACTED] was doing a jaw thrust. I was holding his legs to keep his spine straight. [REDACTED] was doing chest compressions. BM1 [REDACTED] was using the breathing mask and directing all of us. He instructed someone from his boat to get an airway thing and installed it in Gill. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to get to Flannery Ferry Terminal ASAP that medics were waiting for us. The ferry terminal lowered the ramp to the water. We moved the boat against the ramp. I ran to the top of the ramp and waved down the fire truck tent and advised them that Gill wasn't breathing, no pulse and had severe head trauma. [REDACTED] and I were advised to go into an office and wait. We were relieved of everything and transferred back to the bus. I saw everything perfectly and wished that I hadn't.

This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

March 26, 2007

My name is [REDACTED]

I AM AN MK3/E-4 IN THE UNITED STATES

COAST GUARD. ON MARCH 25, 2007 AT APPROXIMATELY 1400, WE WERE
ENGAGED IN A FERRY ESCORT HEADED FOR VASHON PIER. THE FERRY

STOPPED TO DO A MAN OVERBOARD EVACUATION APPROXIMATELY THREE -

QUARTERS OF THE WAY TO THE PIER. MY ROLE ON CG 25501 WAS

BOWGUNNER AND CREWMAN. PO GILL CAME UP TO THE BOW TO RELIEVE

ME. I THEN MOVED TO THE NAVIGATION CHAIR ACROSS FROM THE COXSWAIN.

WE CAME UP TO SPEED (SPECULATED 20-30 KNOTS) AND MADE A HARD

TURN TO STARBOARD. THE BOAT MADE A VIOLENT JERK. I WATCHED

PO GILL THE WHOLE TIME HE WAS ON THE BOW. HE HAD ONLY 1 HAND

ON THE M-240(B) AND SEEMED WAS LOOKING AT THE FERRY. WHILE THE

BOAT WAS STILL TURNING TO STARBOARD, THE SWELLING MOTION OF THE BOAT

CAUSE HIM TO LOSE HIS GRIP, AND HE FELL OVER BACKWARDS OFF OF

THE PORT SIDE (BOW). I VELIED MAN OVERBOARD SEVERAL TIMES. WITH

LOOKING BACK, I SAW THE ENGINES GO OVER HIM AND HE WAS FACE

IN THE WATER. HE WAS STILL CONSCIOUS AT THE TIME DUE TO THE F.

HE WAS MOVING. WE MOVED CLOSER TO HIM AND MST2 [REDACTED]

INFORMED PO [REDACTED] (COXSWAIN) THAT HE WAS SUMPING IN AFTER

PO GILL. MST2 [REDACTED] THEN JUMPED IN AND TURNED PO GILL FACE

UP WHILE DRAGGING HIM TO THE BOAT. WHILE DOING SO, THE SEVERE

FACIAL AND HEAD TRAUMA WAS IMMINENT. MYSELF AND PO [REDACTED]

HELPED PULL PO GILL ON THE BOAT AND WE LAYED HIM ON HIS SIDE.

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG BEFORE PO [REDACTED] BOAT WAS ALONGSIDE

OUR BOAT AND HE CAME ABOARD TO ISSUE MEDICAL HELP. ALL

PO GILL'S GEAR WAS REMOVED (BY CUT BY PO [REDACTED] TO TAKE OFF

MY LAYERS. I WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE PO GILL'S WEAPON AND

PUT IT IN MY HOLSTER. (I WAS NOT CARRYING PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT)

I WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO HOLD HIS HEAD SO PO [REDACTED]

COULD PERFORM CPR. I DID SO UNTIL [REDACTED]

THE PIER (FAUNTLEROY PIER) WHERE MEDICS QUICKLY WENT TO WORK
I WASHED UP AND SAID A PRAYER. ALL OF FACTS IN THIS STATE
ARE TRUE TO THE VERY BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

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